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Council President Peters Funds Accessibility Program

SAN DIEGO -- Council President Scott Peters joined representatives of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, disability advocates and local residents this week to celebrate the completion of a series of curb ramps in La Jolla. Four new curb ramps were installed on Cliffridge Avenue, near the La Jolla YMCA and Torrey Pines Elementary School.

Peters funds the Labor Council's curb cut program each year with money the City receives from the federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program. Council District One received 6.5% of the city's overall \$15.5 million CDBG allocation for fiscal year 2007, with the largest grant going to the curb cut program. In total, Peters will use over \$300,000 of CDBG funds to support 131 projects with an emphasis on programs that assist the disabled.

"We are steadily moving ahead in making the City of San Diego more accessible to residents and visitors alike," Peters said. "The installation of these curb cuts assists us in accomplishing that. Curb ramps like these make our streets and sidewalks more accessible for the disabled, as well as families with young children, joggers, and pedestrians."

This year, 10 to 12 new curb ramps will be installed across the First District, with a strong focus on La Jolla and University City.

Peters thanked La Jolla resident Dr. Jack Robertson for drawing attention to the need for curb ramps along Cliffridge Avenue.

"We rely on residents to be our eyes and ears in the community," Peters stated. "When you need help with an issue in your neighborhood, please contact my office."

Council President Peters' representative in La Jolla is Channele Hawken, (619) 236-6611.

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